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## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Final Office Action of September 25, 2003, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-5 remain pending.

Concurrently herewith, Applicants have filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in response to paragraph number 6 in the Action.

## Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by "Adobe Acrobat 3.0 Reader Online Guide," 9/1996, Adobe Systems, inc., pages 1-110 (hereinafter referred to as *Adobe*) in view of Bizweb2000.com, screenshots of an e-book, published on 5/8/1999, pages 1-4 (hereinafter referred to as *Bizweb2000*). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

For each of Applicants' claims 1-5, the Action states that Adobe does not explicitly teach "a unified navigational context for allowing a user to interact with both the user interface documents and the user content documents pages in a one space model" (Action, pages 4, 5, and 7) and "the user interface documents and the user content documents pages are presented in a one space model" (Action, page 8). Although not the explicit claim language of any of Applicants' claims, by this admission, Applicants assume the Action to address the feature of "a one space model" in each of the independent claims. For support in curing this deficiency of Adobe, the Action relies on Bizweb2000.

Based on the 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 Declaration of the inventors, Darryl E. Rubin, Andrew C. Baird, John L. Beezer, Jonathan C. Cluts, and Susan D. Woolf, submitted concurrently herewith, Applicants will antedate *Bizweb2000* by establishing a date of invention prior to the earliest date to which the *Bizweb2000* reference claims priority. The rejection is mooted by the filing of the attached declaration; however, should the declaration fail to satisfy the requirement to antedate the *Bizweb2000* reference, Applicants reserve the right to traverse the *Bizweb2000* reference on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants submit that *Bizweb2000* does not constitute prior art to the

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rejected claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

## **CONCLUSION**

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. No fee is believed due, however, if any fees are required or if an overpayment has been made the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted, BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

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